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SUBJECT: JEFFRY ADAMS MASON RELEASED FROM JAIL

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1. JEFFRY ADAMS MASON, ARRESTED AS REPORTED REFTELS, WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 15. CONDITION GOOD, BUT STATED HE FEELS "A LITTLE WEAK". MASON WAS NOT TOLD OF ANY FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

2. SINCE MASON'S VISA EXPIRED WHILE HE WAS DETAINED, A NW VISA MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE HE CAN LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO EXPEDITE PROCESS. WE ARE PUTTING HIM UP IN EMPTY EMBASSY APARTMENT.

3. MOST PERSONAL EFFECTS RETURNED TO MASON, EXCEPT FOR SMALL RADIO, SOME FILM, AND 600 ESCUDOS. WE WILL PROTEST THIS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. MASON STILL DOES NOT DEIRE NOTIFICATION TO NOK, EITHER OF ARREST OR RELEASE.

5. MASON TOLD US, THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NEVER TOLD OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM, HE SAW A PAPER WHICH STATED HE WAS BEING HELD

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ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE. HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS KNOW-

LEDGE OF THE CIA, HIS POLITICS, AND WAS REQUIRED TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. HIS REQUESTS TO PRISON AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION TO CALL EMBASSY AND FOR MALARIA PILLS WERE DENIED.

6. MASON ENTERED MOZAMBIQUE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. HE STATED HE HAD ALSO BEEN IN ANGOLA, AND HAD SOUVENIRS SUCH AS PICTURES AND POLITICAL BUTTONS FROM ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING A PICTURE OF JONAS SAVIMBI. PRISON AUTHORITY TOLD HIM THAT BECAUSE OF SAVIMBI POSTER "WE DON'T LIKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN MOZAMBIQUE".

7. MASON SAID HIS POLICE CASE OFFICER, WHO APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN U.S. TOLD HIM LAST WEEK THAT HE WOULD CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR MASON'S DEPORTATION, AND ASKED HIM IF U.S. EMBASSIES ASSIST FINANCIALLY. EMBASSY WAS NOT CONTACTED BY PRISON OR POLICE AUTHORITIES ABOUT MASON.

8. MASON STATED HE RECEIVED SAME TREATMENT AS OTHER PRISONERS FROM POLICE AUTHORITIES, BUT OTHER PRISONERS WERE ANXIOUS TO SHARE FOOD AND CIGARETTES WITH HIM AND OTHERWISE BE HELPFUL.

9. AS SOON AS EXIT PERMISSION OBTAINED, MASON WILL LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

10. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED EITHER REPLY TO OUR NOV. 21 NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MASON NOR AUTHORIZATION TO VISIT MASON, OUR REPRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING TO CHISSANO PERSONALLY, MAY HAVE HAD SOME EFFECT ON MASON'S RELATIVELY EARLY RELEASE. WE WILL NEVER REALLY KNOW.
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